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In response to an Office Action dated October 5, 2004, please consider the following amendments and the remarks set forth below. Applicant petitions for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0369.